

HB Historic Resource Board Meeting Minutes

Wednesday February 19, 2014

City Hall, Room B

2000 Main St. Huntington Beach, CA. 92648

- I. **Call to order** – The meeting was called to order by Chair Alvarez at 6:05 PM.
Roll call: Alvarez, Essner, Haynes, Minnie, Schey, David Wentworth Sr.,
Duane Wentworth
Santiago – Excused absence
Staff liaison Ricky Ramos, Planning Commission liaison, Ed Pinchiff
- II. **Welcome and introductions**
- III. **Approval of the minutes** - Motion to approve minutes with minor corrections, Haynes /
Wentworth
- IV. **Public Comments** – There were no public comments.
 - A. Duane Wentworth was contacted by a woman regarding 701 10th Street who had planned to attend the HRB and speak during public comments. The family is in bankruptcy and is trying to sell the house which is in need of an enormous amount of repair. It is of Historical interest, Schey and Essner will follow up to make sure it is on the Galvin list. The woman no longer wanted to talk with the board or anyone on the board regarding the property.
- V. **Design Review Board** - Schey said there was nothing to report.
- VI. **Administrative** – Minnie has volunteered to be the Treasurer. Haynes will be Secretary.

Haynes will post on Facebook that there is a position open on the board. Michael Phelps has submitted an application for consideration.
- VII. **Standing Committee Reports**
 - A. Demo Review

Schey reported on two properties, one at 633 Hartford and one at 815 Alabama. Santiago had submitted a letter in favor of preservation of the properties.
 - B. Galvin survey:

Schey reported that there were 22 properties resubmitted, out of those only 3 were considered for preservation. Schey researched the properties at the OC Archives and found historical connections to the following properties.

628 Hartford

813 13th St.

627 7th St.

C. Wintersburg:

Alvarez reported that Mary Adams Urashima has published a book on Wintersburg and will have a book signing March 9, 2014 at Barnes & Noble, Bella Terra. The next task force meeting is February 25th, 5:30. Schey pointed out that any grant work needs to be done ASAP. Schey has contacted Urashima to help with the grants.

D. Main Street Library:

Alvarez and Haynes followed up on a November 2011 HRB project and have met with Stephanie Beverage and Robin Ott to discuss displaying historic photographs at the library to enhance the library's National Register of Historic Places status. Kate Hoffman with the Art Center will also be involved. Cost of new photos will be a factor; Alvarez has been in contact with HB Digital for quotes. Schey recommended that other libraries in the city have photos as well.

E. Oral Histories / Archives / Artifacts:

1. Schey has finalized the forms needed for the interviews with City Attorney Jennifer McGrath. Haynes will set up a meeting with Matt Leifring, and the Oral Histories subcommittee to get instructions on how to use the equipment to its full potential. Everything is in place to move forward with the oral histories.

2. Duane Wentworth brought a copy of the original blueprint from City Hall, circa 1930. He has access to other original blueprints that the HRB will be able to duplicate. Ramos will check with legal to see if we can duplicate the blueprints for selling or donations. Alvarez and Duane Wentworth will follow up with McGrath.

3. Schey requested a copy of all the photos that Haynes has collected so they can properly be identified and archived. Schey has proposed that HB allow the Orange County Archives to house the HB archive and suggested a field trip to the OC archives. Chris Jepson would like to attend the meeting and give a talk on archiving materials. Alvarez was in contact with the Costa Mesa Historical Society, they have volunteered to help archive the pictures.

F. Walking Tour:

1. Haynes has been in contact with Matt Leifring to set up a time to get started on the video.
2. Alvarez has contacted Kelly Miller with the Marketing and Visitors Bureau as to whether or not they will fund the 2nd edition of the brochure. Once Alvarez has a response, we will move forward accordingly.
3. Haynes has emailed a digital copy of the tour to the board for review. As of tonight no one has offered any changes or suggestions.
4. Minnie reported on the distribution of the brochures. The Main St. Library usually keeps them behind the counter. Robin will be contacted to see if they can be kept on the counter. All other locations are being filled.
5. Haynes has been in contact with the owner of the Jails downtown. The sliding doors are not original to the jails. The stand alone brick building was the original and only jail. The other 2 were added later. Haynes also reported that Beach Court used to be a brothel and a bootleg for alcohol.

G. Sub Committees:

1. Alvarez distributed a new list of the sub committees. Corrections were made.

H. Surf City Nights:

1. Dave Wentworth reported that, weather permitting; we will have a booth in March.
2. Alvarez has donated 2 cases to carry the pictures in, in order to cut down on damage. Alvarez also has received the original negative from Dennis Masuda of the Surf Theater for us to duplicate. Duane Wentworth has offered to copy the negative to digital print for use as he has the equipment to convert.

I. Plaques / Markers

1. Haynes has not sent the certified letter to the owner of the HHS building to get permission to change the plaque. This will be done ASAP.
2. Carol Kirby, previous owner of the Golden Bear is asking for our help to get a plaque. She has been advised that she will have to do the research and get funding.

J. Facebook:

1. Haynes reported that we have 315 “likes” on Facebook.

2. Haynes will post on Facebook that there is an open position on the board.

K. Mills Act:

Alvarez reported Teri Baker, Fred Wilson's assistant is working on information on the Mills Act. Alvarez invited her to the March meeting to update us of what is going on.

VIII. Materials Distributed and Recent Findings:

Haynes reported Essner and Haynes were asked to be on the BID Beautification Committee. (Business's in Downtown)

IX. Items to be agenized:

X. Meeting was adjourned at 7:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Haynes